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## ITALIANS AT WAR WITH THE TEUTONS

Joins the Allies in Titanic Struggle.

GREAT EXCITEMENT  
IN EVERY QUARTER

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Rome, May 23 (via Paris)—Italy is at war with Austria-Hungary. With the issuance of the general mobilization order, the Italian government issued a proclamation declaring war on Austria which officially will begin tomorrow.

Prior to this, and after a lengthy consultation, the ministers of war and marine proclaimed all the provinces bordering on Austria and the islands and coast town of the Adriatic in a state of war, which was equivalent to the establishment of martial law, the step usually preceding the formal declaration.

Although drastic action has been looked for momentarily, Italians of all classes have been electrified by the swiftly moving events. Early this morning great crowds gathered around the Quirinal to await the ministers, who called on the king for the purpose of discussing the question and signing the decree.

When Premier Salandra and Signor Sonnino, the foreign minister, left the palace the people cheered them enthusiastically. Gen. Zuppoli, minister of war, and Vice Admiral Viale, minister of marine, remained with the king for a considerable time after the others left and later they had a conference with Lieut. Gen. Cadorna, chief of staff, and Vice Admiral Phaulx Revel, chief of the naval staff.

When the first blow will be struck can not be foretold but after many months of preparation the army, which has been greatly strengthened, and the navy, are ready. Exceedingly strong forces are in position all along the Austro-Italian frontier, on the Austrian side of which feverish preparations have been going on the last few days to make the forts as strong as possible, and to clear the way for effective artillery action.

The German ambassador, Prince von Buelow, and the Austrian ambassador, Baron von Macchio, are still in Rome, so far as is known. They have waited to the last moment in the hope that some way might be found to prevent a clash at arms. They will be given safe conduct when they do leave, and so far as German and Austrian residents in Italy are concerned, every effort has been made to see them safely out of the country.

On the other hand, most alarming reports have been received from the Italians that Italian residents in the Austrian Tyrol are experiencing great difficulty in returning to Italy and in many cases have been placed under arrest.

According to The Giornale d'Italia, the problems confronting the diplomats accredited to the Vatican has been solved satisfactorily. Austrian and German diplomats, ignoring the situation in Italy, will depart as if they were merely taking their summer vacations before the regular time. It had been urged by some that the Italian government move energetically with respect to these diplomatic representatives and others that the Vatican resist any effort to force them to withdraw. But these extreme measures failed.

From Germany comes reports that considerable sentiment is felt in official quarters there against what is alleged to be the obstinacy of the Austrian diplomacy, responsible for the failure of the negotiations with Italy initiated by Prince von Buelow, the German ambassador. The suggestion had been even made that Austria should be left alone to fight alone, but pledges, taken by the German general staff and by the German emperor personally with Emperor Francis Joseph resulted in the triumph of those advocating Austro-German solidarity even in a new war against Italy.

About 800,000 Bavarians and Hungarians have already been concentrated against Italy, Austria insuring

## DEATH OF RAYMOND BISHOP.

Well Known Young Man of the Watts Mill Village Died Friday.

Watts Mill, May 24.—On last Friday morning at 4 o'clock, Mr. Raymond Bishop, age 22 years, a well known young man of this place died at the City Hospital. He had been carried there to undergo an operation for appendicitis, but the end came before the operation could be performed.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Brock on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, at Lucas Avenue Baptist church, after which his remains were laid to rest by the W. O. W. Mr. Bishop was a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Bishop of Winter Park, Fla. He leaves a wife and two small children, also two sisters together with a host of friends and other relatives to mourn his loss.

Mr. Edd Sogree has recently purchased a new Ford automobile.

Mrs. Alice Frady returned home on Sunday, after a week's visit with her son in Spartanburg.

Mr. and Mrs. George Frady of Gray Court, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Jones on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thomas visited at the Clinton orphanage on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Moore and Miss Claudia Moore were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moore on last Wednesday.

Miss Octavia McQuown, of Clinton, visited her father, Mr. E. Y. McQuown, on Sunday.

Mr. George Davis, of Greenville, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. E. Burns, on Sunday.

The little children of Mr. Dave Crow and Mr. D. M. Waldrop, who have been real sick for several days, are now getting along nicely.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Waldrop, a girl.

## J. T. Johnson, Jr., Appointed.

Jos. T. Johnson, Jr., son of Judge Jos. T. Johnson, former congressman from this district, has been appointed internal revenue collector for this state. He was sworn in April 26th, but his appointment had not been made public until several days ago. This position is similar to the one which a Union man refused to accept several weeks ago because he considered himself unfit to fill it.

## Miss Frazer Coming.

Miss Mary E. Frazer of the Home Economics Extension Department has been asked to spend two weeks in June in Laurens county. During this time a number of short courses in cooking will be given.—School Journal.

## Made All-State Team.

W. T. Wolf, of the Shiloh section of this county, has been selected by "Doc" Pressley, the former Virginia state leaguer, as one of the pitchers on an "All-State" college team. Wolf has made a great record as a horsehide flinger at Erskine this year.

## Singing Convention Sunday.

There will be a singing convention at Lucas Avenue Church next Sunday, May 30th, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. The public is cordially invited to attend and to bring dinner and books with them.

them commissariat supplies.

Although Field Marshal von Marshall Cosand von Hoetzendorf, chief of staff of the Austrian army, had prepared for many years for a possible outbreak of war between Austria and Italy, the belief is held here that the campaign will be conducted by the German general staff, which, will, it is said, plan a string of offensive movements against Italy in the hope of breaking the Italian lines and forcing their way into Italian territory, thereby arousing alarm and strengthening the feeling favorable to peace.

Should such an attempt fall through the resistance of the Italian army, the Austrians and Germans would then have to resort to defensive measures against a certain invasion. The Austrian defenses are particularly strong and have been constructed everywhere, even along the Dalmatian coast which is already protected by fixed and floating mines and guarded by a dozen submarines, carrying German officers and sailors.

The Austrian fleet is centered at Pola with only a few torpedo boats and destroyers at Cattaro and Spalato. Other Austrian warships are in the Dalmatian archipelago on the northeast coast of the Adriatic sea. Naval men here do not consider it likely that the Austrian fleet will leave Pola unless forced by an Italian attack.

## ITALY PREPARED FOR THE WAR

The entrance of Italy into the world war which began last August increases the number of States engaged in the conflict to 11. Italy, allied with Germany and Austria-Hungary since 1882 in the Triple Alliance, was called on last summer shortly after the assassination of the Austrian crown prince, to support the Germanic empires. She declined and there began a series of diplomatic negotiations which soon resolved themselves into efforts on the part of Germany and Austria-Hungary to induce her to remain neutral.

Prince von Buelow, an astute German statesman, whose wife is an Italian woman, was sent to Rome. He labored indefatigably for months but in vain. He offered Italy certain parts of Austrian territory as the price of neutrality, but her answer always was "It is not enough." It now appears that Austria did not really believe Italy would enter the field against her.

In the meantime there had arisen in Italy a war party led by the "Irreducibles," which made its voice heard in no uncertain terms. Dispatches from Rome for months past have indicated that the sentiment for active participation was stronger by far than that for continued neutrality.

The cabinet of Premier Salandra resigned early in May. A wave of patriotic fervor swept the country and the people were loud in their demands for a beginning of hostilities. Troops had to be called out to maintain order. Relatives of King Victor Emmanuel were hooted and there was talk of revolution. The emperor of Austria-Hungary was burned in effigy in Rome and ex-Premier Giolitti, leader of the pacifists, was driven into seclusion.

These evidences of the popular determination had their effect. The announcement that Premier Salandra's ministry would continue in office brought instant calm. The Triple Alliance was denounced by Italy May 4, but even after this diplomatic endeavors were continued, Austria offering Italy further concessions as late as May 10.

Italy's first move on land undoubtedly will be against the Austrian frontier. The mountainous character of the territory wherein the opposing armies face each other promises operations and fighting of the most difficult nature. For several weeks past both the Austro-Hungarians and the Italian armies have been fortifying along the dividing line.

So far as known, the Italian fleet is mostly in the Adriatic, under the command of the Duke of the Abruzzi. It is generally believed the fleet will proceed promptly against the naval strength of Austria in these waters.

The submarines are less than 800

miles from southern Italy and her participation in the operations against these Turkish positions is expected.

One great purpose of Italy in entering the war is to gain possession of "unredeemed Italy," a sweep of Austrian territory north or east, near the head of the Adriatic. This region, which includes Trent and Trieste, is Italian in all but nationality. The territory in dispute may be defined roughly as the sections of Austria south of a line drawn in the Rhaetian Alps, where Italy, Austria and Switzerland meet, eastward to the Carnic Alps, and thence southward along to the Italian Alps and again eastward so as to include Fiume. This territory is called Italia Irredentia (Unredeemed Italy) because it once formed part of the Italian states of the Middle Ages and because most of the people are of Italian stock. For the same reason the Dalmatian islands are considered to be part of "Unredeemed Italy."

Aside from the Dalmatian islands, the territory southwest by Italy includes about 8,000 square miles, with more than 1,000,000 inhabitants.

When the European war began Italy's army was considerably below the normal peace footing, estimated at 300,000 men. Almost half of these troops were in Tripoli. Three classes of men were called to colors immediately and others were summoned from time to time until the active, or first line army numbers more than 1,000,000 men of all arms. The age limit of a reservist in Italy is 52. Men between that age and 40 form the territorial army, consisting of eight classes amounting to about 1,150,000 second line troops. There also are about 1,000,000 men trained, but exempt from military service, who in case of urgent necessity could be called to arms. Volunteer corps likewise could be formed, so that Italy's total war strength, including resources of all kinds, is figured at about 4,000,000 men.

In eight months Italy has spent \$400,000,000 in military preparations. Particular attention was paid to artillery and her equipment in this arm is said to be unexcelled in the world's arms.

Italy has a powerful fleet of modern warships. The Duke of the Abruzzi, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, who is the chief naval officer of Italy, recently assumed command of five dreadnaughts, the most powerful squadron ever assembled under the Italian flag. In addition Italy has eight battleships of the dreadnaught type, nine armored cruisers, 13 protected cruisers and the usual complement of destroyers and torpedo boats. She also has 25 submarines.

Italy's population (1913) is given as 35,238,000. Military or naval service is compulsory and universal.

## Jones Picnic Thursday.

Several parties from this city and many other from the county attended the annual picnic at Jones school, near Ware Shoals, Thursday. Although the crowd was not as large as on previous occasions, because of threatening weather early in the day and competing attractions elsewhere, the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Besides the interesting program rendered by the school children, addresses were made by Hon. R. A. Coper, of this city, Congressman Lever, of Lexington, and Ex-Senator John L. McLaurin, of Bennettsville. Col. J. H. Wharton of Waterloo and Superintendent of Education J. F. Wideman, of Greenwood, also made a few remarks in presenting medals to successful contestants complimenting the school district for its advancement along educational lines, pointing out that it was the first district in the county to put into force the provisions of the new compulsory education law. Dr. W. T. Jones presided over the exercises in his usual graceful manner. Following the completion of this part of the program dinner was served upon the grounds, the people of the vicinity adding still more to their fame for cleverness and hospitality.

## Hughes-Branson.

Miss Fay Hughes and Mr. J. A. Branson, two popular young people of the county, were married at the home of Mr. John Bramlett, Rev. J. L. McLin performing the ceremony.

## LAURENS WINS COUPLE.

Local High School Team Defeated Woodruff and Cross Hill Last Week.

In two very exciting games of baseball the Laurens high school team defeated Woodruff school team and the Cross Hill school team last week. On Tuesday the local squad journeyed to Woodruff and there scalped the home team by the score of 6 to 5. The features of this game were the pitching of Fuller for Laurens, who fanned a dozen men and the batting and baserunning of Swink for Woodruff.

Friday afternoon the Laurens gang sailed for Cross Hill and took a very exciting game from them by the score of 13 to 10. The outstanding feature of this performance seems to have been the errors of the Laurens team, though the classy heaving of Fuller again saved the day.

## Special Program Sunday Night.

The regular weekly meeting of the Christian Endeavor society, which will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday night at 7:45, will be made more interesting than usual by a specially prepared program. Mr. J. C. Sahadi, who is a graduate of Baruch University, will make an address on foreign mission needs in Syria. Mrs. Eliza Skiffe, who has seen much of Mexican life, will address the meeting on foreign mission needs in Mexico. Vocal selections will be sung by Mrs. H. K. Aiken and Mr. Robert Roper, while Mrs. J. H. Teague will give a reading. The public is invited to attend.

## DEATH OF YOUNG LADY.

Miss Ramele Young, Daughter of Mrs. Geo. F. Young Died Wednesday.

Miss Ramele Young, a notice of whose critical illness appeared in the last issue of this paper, failed to respond to medical treatment accorded her and on Wednesday morning at an early hour breathed her last. She had been in declining health for several months and her condition had been critical for several days preceding her death. Blood poisoning had set in about a week previous to her death so the end was not unexpected.

The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon in the Laurens cemetery, Rev. C. F. Rankin, conducting them. A large number of friends and relatives followed the body to its last resting place. Floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

The following gentlemen acted as pall bearers: honorary—Col. H. Y. Simpson, R. F. Fleming, A. C. Todd, M. H. Hunter, Dr. R. E. Hughes, Dr. W. D. Ferguson, Maj. W. A. Watts, J. D. Watts, J. R. Ellis, C. H. Roper, C. D. Mosley, J. Lee Langston; active—E. V. Ferguson, Charles Fleming, Boyce Clardy, Clyde K. Ray, Henry Irby, P. H. Calne, W. G. Lancaster, Clyde Franks, Robert Roper, Clarence McKinney, C. R. Mosley.

Miss Young was a young woman of a quiet, even disposition and lovable character, with a peculiar fondness for her home from which she was seldom absent. She was in the 26th year of her age and a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. She is survived by her mother and the following brothers and sister: Stobo J. Young of Detroit, Mich., G. Dudley Young, of Gaffney, and Elizabeth Young, of this city.

## Death of an Infant.

Little Ruth, the eleven months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fuller, died early last Wednesday morning, May 19th, after lingering for weeks, suffering from severe burns accidentally sustained on the morning of January 27th last. After the first few weeks of suffering the little one seemed to improve rapidly, and for a time bright hopes of her ultimate recovery were entertained. But about two weeks ago there was a change for the worse, and from that time on the little life gradually ebbed out. The little body was tenderly laid to rest beneath a veritable mound of flowers, placed by loving hands, in the family plot at Chestnut Ridge church, the day following her death. A large concourse of friends and relatives were present to sympathize with the bereaved and to drop a tear upon the grave of this little one plucked so early to shine as a beautiful star in the diadem of the Master. The little life, though brief, was not in vain; for by reason of her sojourn in this stricken home she has given father and mother, brother and sister, a more personal and a more definite interest in Heaven. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends in this their dark hour of bereavement and sorrow.

## Drug Stores Closed Sunday.

The drug stores and restaurants went the peace officers "one better" Sunday by closing up entirely for the day instead of restricting sales to necessities. It will be remembered that the sheriff put the ban on the Sunday selling of cold drinks and tobaccos several weeks ago and that as a result clerks and managers on Sundays have been more ornamental than useful. The first Sunday after the "blue laws" went into effect the drug stores shortened their Sunday hours by opening up in the mornings only and the action taken Sunday will of course do away with Sunday selling entirely. Doubtless this will meet with the hearty approval of the peace officers, who have considered it a very unpleasant duty to prevent the cold drink fiends from securing their customary morning quencher.

## Meeting of Junior Belgian Relief.

The Junior Belgian Relief circle will meet at 6 o'clock this afternoon at the home of Miss Laura Barksdale. All of the members are requested to attend.

## To Give Benefit.

The Junior circle of the Belgian Relief committee has contracted with the management of the Opera House picture show to divide proceeds of Thursday's door receipts. The public is invited to help in the worthy cause.

## TO AWARD DIPLOMAS TO TWENTY-THREE

Graduation Exercises of City Schools Begin Friday

SUCCESSFUL YEAR  
DRAWING TO CLOSE

Exercises will Begin Friday Night with Baccalaureate Sermon, Class Day, Exercises Saturday Night and Literary Address Monday Night.

Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock the commencement exercises of the city schools will begin, when the annual Baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Dr. G. G. Parkinson, of Duo West. Dr. Parkinson is a man of force and scholarly attainment, so his sermon may be looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation.

On Saturday evening, the 29th, the members of the graduating class will render the class day program in the school auditorium. These exercises will also begin at 8:30. The following is the program:

Address of Welcome—Hattie H. Sullivan.

Class Song—Members of 10th Grade, Class History—Rebecca Clark.

Class Poem—Sarah Bolt.

Class Prophecy—James McCravy.

Class Will—Miriam Brown.

Valedictory—by Scholarship Pupil not yet named.

Play, "A Roman Wedding".

The commencement exercises will close Monday evening with the awarding of diplomas and the literary address by Rev. G. W. Shipley, of Abbeville, N. C. Rev. Shipley is an eloquent and earnest speaker, and will doubtless bring a valuable message to his hearers.

The following are the members of the year's graduating class:

Sarah Bertha Bolt,  
Ruth W. Bagwell,  
Miriam Brown,  
Rebecca W. Clark,  
Frances F. Davis,  
Clara Lucile Moore,  
Ruth H. McAlister,  
Mary D. Sullivan,  
Harriet H. Sullivan,  
Sarah H. Bolt,  
Virginia Barksdale,  
Jessie F. Hill,  
Nelle Childress,  
Ella M. Putnam,  
Martha Owings,  
Lucy McPhail,  
Cecil P. Roper,  
Frank P. McGowan,  
David A. Blakely,  
William Rush Blakely,  
John D. Fuller,  
Paul Lake,  
James H. McCravy.

Harriet H. Sullivan is president of the class, Frank P. McGowan is vice president and Mary D. Sullivan is secretary and treasurer. The class colors are purple and old gold, the class flower is the sweet pea and the motto is "Non est vivere, sed valere vita".

## LIGHTNING CLAIMS VICTIM.

Mrs. Emma Hall Killed near Tumbling Shoals Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Hall, wife of Mr. John Hall, was struck by lightning and instantly killed at her home near Tumbling Shoals Sunday about noon. She had just gone out of the sitting room and was making a hasty trip to the piazza when the stroke came that killed her. Examination of the house after the storm indicated that the electric current had first touched on the roof, had followed the rafters to the point where Mrs. Hall was standing and leaping from the rafters to her body just a few feet below.

Mrs. Hall is survived by her husband and mother, Mrs. Kate Wright, and other relatives. Her death, coming in such an unexpected manner, was a great shock to her relatives and friends. The burial services were held at Rabun Creek church Monday, being largely attended.

## Rock Bridge School.

There will be a six o'clock picnic at Rock Bridge school on Friday evening, June 4th. After the picnic a play "Topsy Turvy" or the Courtship of the Deacon will be given by local talent free of charge. Refreshments will be served by the ladies of the R. S. I. A. for the improvement of the school. The public is cordially invited to be present. We promise a delightful time to all.